

S. 467. An act to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5060. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. military personnel and U.S. individual civilians retained as contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5061. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Italy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5062. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning an amendment to Part 126 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) to reflect clarifications of coverage for the Canadian exemption; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5063. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, a report of draft legislation to authorize improvements to the National Natural Resources Conservation Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5064. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization and Functions; Releasing Information; Privacy Act Regulations; Farm Credit Administration Board Meetings; and Enforcement on Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Conducted by the Farm Credit Administration" (RIN3052-AB82) received on December 5, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5065. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bifenazate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL7746-5) received on December 16, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5066. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Addition and Removal of Regulated Areas in Arizona" (Doc. No. 05-078-1) received on December 16, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5067. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Arizona-Las Vegas Marketing Area—Final Order" (Docket No. DA-03-04-A; AO-271-A37) received on December 05, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5068. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to law, the General Counsel's

Report on Americans with Disabilities Act inspections conducted during the 108th Congress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5069. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to law, the General Counsel's Report on Occupational Safety and Health Inspections for the 108th Congress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5070. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5071. A communication from the Acting Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that funding for the State of Tennessee as a result of the emergency conditions resulting from the influx of evacuees from areas struck by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29, 2005, and continuing, has exceeded \$5,000,000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5072. A communication from the Acting Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that funding for the State of Colorado as a result of the emergency conditions resulting from the influx of evacuees from areas struck by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29, 2005, and continuing, has exceeded \$5,000,000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5073. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Community Disaster Loan Program" (RIN1660-AA44) received on December 16, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5074. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Independent Audits and Reporting Requirements (12 CFR Part 363)" (RIN3064-AC91) received on December 16, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-222. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to adopting legislation that would provide funding through the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the form of Community Development Block Grants to investor owned utilities for the restoration of electric and gas service damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 13

Whereas, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina, a category four storm with sustained winds of one hundred and forty miles per hour came ashore in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, near Buras, causing unprecedented flooding and devastation in southeastern Louisiana, including the breach of

the levee system and floodwalls of the city of New Orleans, the death of more than a thousand state residents, the displacement and evacuation of hundreds of thousands more, and the widespread loss and destruction of businesses and property; and

Whereas, on September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita, a category three storm with sustained winds of one hundred and twenty-five miles per hour came ashore near the Louisiana/Texas border, causing unprecedented flooding and devastation in southwestern Louisiana and southeastern Texas, and the widespread loss and destruction of life and property; and

Whereas, Entergy Corporation (Entergy), through its subsidiaries Entergy Louisiana (ELI), Entergy Gulf States (EGS), and Entergy New Orleans (ENO), is Louisiana's largest electric and gas utility, and the resulting wind and flooding of Hurricane Katrina significantly damaged major portions of Entergy's utility infrastructure; and

Whereas, in the aftermath of the disaster, Entergy and others worked rapidly to provide emergency and temporary services and is currently working to restore permanent service to all customers in its service territory; and

Whereas, Entergy estimates that the total restoration costs for the repair and/or replacement of Entergy's electric and gas facilities damaged by hurricanes Katrina and Rita and business continuity costs are estimated to be in the range of \$1.1 to \$1.4 billion; with the costs to Entergy New Orleans alone to repair its utility infrastructure exceeding four hundred million dollars, not including potential incremental losses; and

Whereas, safe and reliable electric and gas utility service is vital to the state's post-hurricane recovery efforts, and the state of Louisiana deems it essential to keep Entergy and its subsidiaries as productive and financially viable companies providing safe and reliable electric and gas utility service to the residents and businesses of Louisiana; and

Whereas, the legislature is committed to the protection of Entergy's residential and business customers from the tremendous costs associated with the necessary rebuilding efforts and in assisting Entergy and its subsidiaries, particularly Entergy New Orleans, in regaining their financial strength and stability so that they will be able to continue providing safe, and reliable service to their customers; and

Whereas, following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, which caused catastrophic destruction of life and property, loss of an untold number of jobs, and the displacement of many individuals and businesses, the legislature notes that billions of dollars in funds and other forms of essential assistance was provided to the state of New York, and New York City by the federal government; and

Whereas, the state of Louisiana has suffered similar, if not greater, human and economic losses as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, resulting in devastating loss of life, damage to businesses and property, and destruction of much of Entergy's utility infrastructure in Louisiana; and

Whereas, the legislature notes that Congress, in Public Law 107-206, passed on August 2, 2002, authorized the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide seven hundred and eighty-three million dollars in disaster assistance for damaged properties and businesses, including the restoration of utility infrastructure, and for economic revitalization directly related to the September 11 attacks. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes the Congress of the